

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2615
Maple Heights Sanitarium
14913 York Road
Sparks, Baltimore County
Circa 1850
Private

Constructed between 1850 and 1860, this Greek Revival dwelling is located near the historic village of Sparks in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. This dwelling does not appear on the 1850 Atlas, but is noted on the 1877 Atlas as belonging to the Dorsey heirs. In 1915, Dr. Smith maintained this property. The 1915 Atlas, shows the village Philopolis with a cluster of buildings along York Road. P.H.F. Friese, William H. Price, and A.&H. Fahnestock are seen in 1915 in this area. In the 1920's, this property was developed into the Maple Heights Sanitarium, operated by Dr. Martin F. Sloan.

Facing west, this two-and-a-half story Greek Revival dwelling is sited in a rural landscape surrounded by several mature trees and foundation plantings. It sits on a parged solid random rubble stone foundation, and is reclad with beaded aluminum siding. The front-gable roof dwelling has a two-story porch across the façade. It is supported with paneled Tuscan wood posts and sits on a solid stone foundation. The second story of the porch was enclosed and made into a sun porch circa 1920. The first story is four bays wide with one single-leaf wood paneled door. It is flanked by three 10-light two-leaf wood casement windows. Three sets of 24-lights are seen in the second story porch. One set contains two 6-light casement wood windows. The upper story is illuminated with a tripartite window consisting of a 6/6 double-hung sash flanked by two 4/4 double-hung wood sash. Above the standing-seam metal roof are two interior brick stretcher chimneys. Other features of the house include the overhanging eaves, boxed cornice encased with aluminum, a molded wood door surround with ears. The rear elevation has a two-story enclosed porch. Six historic and one non-historic outbuildings are associated with this site. There are five historic and two non-historic outbuildings associated with this property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

BA-2615

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Maple Heights Sanitarium

other

2. Location

street and number 14913 York Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gretchen and Hans Huffman Schmidl

street and number 14913 York Road, Box 525 telephone Not Available

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 34, 30

city, town Towson liber 9752 folio 677

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	5	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense			sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1	1	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	7	2	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry			
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape			
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture			
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion			
		<input type="checkbox"/> social			
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation			
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
			1		

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:	

Specific dates	c. 1850	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	c. 1850	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

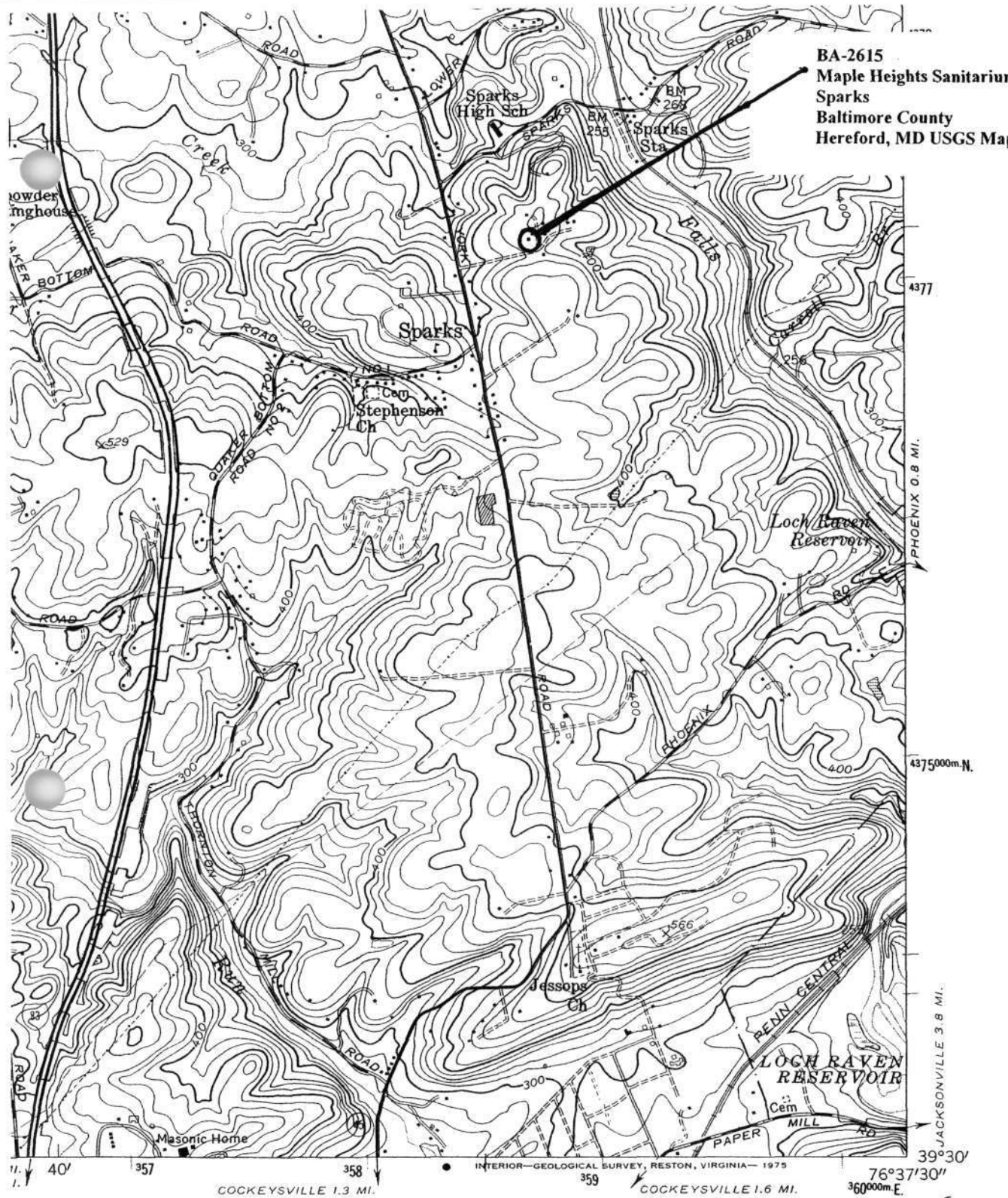
Constructed between 1850 and 1860, this Greek Revival dwelling is located near the historic village of Sparks in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. As early as 1850, the village of Sparks and the road that connected it to Philopolis, were non-existent. The land that later became the community, lying east of the Gunpowder Falls, was traversed only by a few farms. By 1877, Sparks Road had been constructed from York Road in Philopolis to its terminus at Carroll Road. The village formed around the Sparks station along the Northern Central Railroad, and included only a school and a few dwellings along Sparks Road. By 1915, a post office was established in the village. The Sparks State Bank was erected in 1916. By the mid-20th century, the village of Sparks had declined. The area has come to encompass the neighboring community of Philopolis.

The 1850 Atlas shows York Road in place as well as the Susquehanna Railroad. Along these corridors, the beginnings of a village is seen on both the 1850 and 1877 maps. The dwelling at 14913 York Road does not appear on the 1850 Atlas, but is noted on the 1877 Atlas as owned by the Dorsey heirs. At this time, along York Road were a cluster of dwellings and non-residential buildings such as a grist and saw mill, the J.B. Lamb Boarding School, the Philopolis Post Office, and several school houses, and a store. Among the residences in the area were several members of the Mathews and Price family, as well as W.T. Heston, H.M. Fitzhugh, W.H. Wheeler. In 1915, Dr. Smith maintained this property. The 1915 Atlas, shows the village Philopolis with a cluster of buildings along York Road. P.H.F. Friese, William H. Price, and A.&H. Fahnestock are seen in 1915 in this area. In the 1920's, this property was developed into the Maple Heights Sanitarium, operated by Dr. Martin F. Sloan.

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 Maple Heights Sanitarium
 Sparks
 Baltimore County
 Hereford, MD USGS Map



1 MILE
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COCKEYSVILLE 1.3 MI.
 TOWSON (COURTHOUSE) 7.4 MI.

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1975
 COCKEYSVILLE 1.6 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
 Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt =====
 U. S. Route State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

HEREFORD, MD.

N 3930—W 7637.5/7.5

1958

PHOTOREVISED 1974
 AMS 5663 II SW—SERIES V833

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sidney, J. C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 77.95 Acre

Acreage of historical setting 77.95 Acre

Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This house constructed c. 1850, is located at 14913 York Road in Sparks in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 34, parcel 30.

11. Form Prepared By

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NO SHPO

TENANT HOUSE, VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST

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